AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended) A mixing method executed by a first mixing apparatus including a plurality of input terminals ~~when~~ and a second mixing apparatus ~~is~~ connected in cascade to ~~part~~ at least one of the input terminals of the first mixing apparatus, wherein said at least one input terminal is nonexclusive to a cascade input, comprising:

an input setting step of setting at least one audio signal input from the second mixing apparatus to ~~part of the plurality of~~said at least one input ~~terminals~~ terminal as at least one cascade signal ~~supplied from the second mixing apparatus~~;

an input computing step of performing arithmetic operations on at least one audio signal input to at least ~~one~~ another input terminal ~~other than the part of the plurality of input terminals~~; and

a signal mixing step of mixing the at least one cascade signal and the at least one audio signal on which the arithmetic operations have been performed in said input computing step.

Claim 2 (original) A mixing method according to claim 1, wherein said input computing step comprises a delaying step of performing a delay process for correcting a time of delay from the second mixing apparatus to the first mixing apparatus.

Claim 3 (currently amended) A mixing method executed by a second mixing apparatus ~~when the second mixing apparatus is~~ connected in cascade to ~~input terminals~~at least one input terminal of a first mixing apparatus, comprising:

a mixing step of mixing a plurality of input signals to output a plurality of output signals;

an output setting step of setting ~~part~~ at least one of the plurality of output signals as at least one cascade signal to be supplied to the first mixing apparatus;

a computing and outputting step of performing arithmetic operations on at least ~~one~~ another output signal ~~other than the part of the plurality of output signals~~, and outputting the at least ~~one other~~another output signal on which the arithmetic operations have been performed to the first mixing apparatus; and

a cascade outputting step of directly outputting the ~~part~~ at least one of the plurality of output signals set as the cascade signal to the first mixing apparatus from an output terminal, wherein said output terminal is nonexclusive to a cascade output.

Claim 4 (currently amended) A mixing apparatus including a plurality of input terminals, ~~part~~ at least one of the input terminals being connected in cascade to ~~another~~ a second mixing apparatus, comprising:

an input setting device that sets ~~at least one~~an audio signal input from the second mixing apparatus and received by the at least one input terminal ~~to part of the plurality of input terminals~~ as at least one cascade signal ~~supplied from the other mixing apparatus~~;

an input computing device that performs arithmetic operations on at least ~~one~~ another audio signal ~~input to at~~received at ~~least one~~an input terminal other than the ~~part of the plurality of input terminals~~at least one input terminal; and

a signal mixing device that mixes the at least one cascade signal and the at least ~~one~~ another audio signal on which the arithmetic operations have been performed by said input computing device,

wherein the at least one input terminal is nonexclusive to a cascade input.

Claim 5 (currently amended) A mixing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said input computing device comprises a delaying device that performs a delay process for correcting a time of delay from the other mixing apparatus to the mixing apparatus.

Claim 6 (currently amended) A mixing apparatus including a plurality of input terminals, ~~part~~ at least one of the input terminals being connected in cascade to another mixing apparatus, comprising:

a mixing device that mixes a plurality of input signals to output a plurality of output signals;

an output setting device that sets ~~part~~ at least one of the plurality of output signals as at least one cascade signal to be supplied to the other mixing apparatus;

a computing and output device that performs arithmetic operations on at least ~~one~~ another output signal ~~other than the part of the plurality of output signals~~, and outputs the at least ~~one~~ ~~other~~another output signal on which the arithmetic operations have been performed to the other mixing apparatus; and

a cascade outputting device that directly outputs the ~~part of~~at least one ~~the plurality of~~ output ~~signals~~ signal set as the cascade signal to the other mixing apparatus, from an output terminal, wherein said output terminal is nonexclusive to a cascade output.

Claim 7 (currently amended) A program executed by a computer to cause a first mixing apparatus, including a plurality of input terminals ~~to execute a mixing method when~~ and a second mixing apparatus ~~is~~ connected in cascade to ~~part~~ at least one of the input terminals of the first mixing apparatus, to execute a mixing method, wherein the at least one input terminal is nonexclusive to a cascade input, the program comprising:

an input setting module for setting at least one audio signal input from the second mixing apparatus to ~~part of the plurality of input terminals~~said at least one input terminal as at least one cascade signal ~~supplied from the second mixing apparatus~~;

an input computing module for performing arithmetic operations on at least one audio signal input to at least ~~one~~ another input terminal ~~other than the part of the plurality of input terminals~~; and

a signal mixing module for mixing the at least one cascade signal and the at least one audio signal on which the arithmetic operations have been performed by said input computing module.

Claim 8 (original) A program according to claim 7, wherein said input computing module comprises a delaying module for performing a delay process for correcting a time of delay from the second mixing apparatus to the first mixing apparatus.

Claim 9 (currently amended) A program executed by a computer to cause a second mixing apparatus ~~to execute a mixing method when the second mixing apparatus is~~ connected in cascade to ~~input terminals~~at least one input terminal of a first mixing apparatus to execute a mixing method, the program comprising:

a mixing module for mixing a plurality of input signals to output a plurality of output signals;

an output setting module for setting ~~part~~ at least one of the plurality of output signals as at least one cascade signal to be supplied to the first mixing apparatus;

a computing and outputting module for performing arithmetic operations on at least ~~one~~ another output signal ~~other than the part of the plurality of output signals~~, and outputting the at least ~~one other~~another output signal on which the arithmetic operations have been performed to the first mixing apparatus; and

a cascade outputting module for directly outputting the ~~part~~ at least one of the plurality of output signals set as the cascade signal to the first mixing apparatus, from an output terminal, wherein said output terminal is nonexclusive to a cascade output.